

IN HUB MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products in Demand.

Boston, June 7.—The butter market has developed a little firmer tone, owing to the high cost in the country, but the demand is not active, and buyers respond slowly to the extreme prices asked. The very hot weather has interfered somewhat with movements, but receivers are not forcing sales, and a large portion of the arrivals are being put in cold storage.

There is not near so much speculative trade here as has been usual in June, because dealers consider the current prices too high, and are waiting for a lower rate. A large portion of the butter coming in must be bought under 19 cents, and when buyers cannot be found for it at that rate, it is put in cold storage. There are not many buyers for cold storage on the market who are willing to pay 19 cents, but this does not seem to cause any weakness. On the other hand, receivers who have had small invoices that they want to realize upon have to accept 18½ cents. The double quotation of 18½ and 19 cents may, therefore, be given as the real state of the market.

There was a good demand for cheese last week, and receipts were kept cleaned up. This week has developed an easier tendency, and 9 to 9½ cents is a full rate for the best, small sizes. Supplies are increasing and buyers have the advantage.

The egg market is a little firmer. Sales of best western were made early in the week at 14 to 14½ cents, and most receivers are asking 15 cents. Fair to good lots are sold at 13 to 14 cents, and some at 16 cents.

Beans are rather easy, and slightly lower quotations are named: Carload lots, pea, \$1.32½@1.35; medium, \$1.32½@1.35; yellow eyes, \$1.45@1.50; red kidneys, \$1.85@1.90; California small white, \$1.85@1.95; Lima, 6c per lb; jobbing, 10c more.

The demand for apples is seasonably small, but very high prices are noted on the few there are offering, which consist almost entirely of russets and a few spies. Russets, \$6@7 per bbl; spies, \$5.50@6.50.

Strawberries are in abundant supply, and the quality is fine. They are now coming from Jersey, and some are extremely fine. They have sold at low prices, in case lots. Delawares are selling at 4¢ per box; Marylands, 6¢; Jerseys, 6¢. Some fancy fine berries sell as high as 8¢. Nothing was offered at retail lower than two boxes for a quarter, though the dealers paid only the above prices. The receivers sell them on commission, the commission coming out of the shippers. For the week the receipts of strawberries were 55,555 crts; same week a year ago, 42,298 crts.

Blueberries from the south are on the market and sell at 8¢ to 12¢, as to quality. There has been excellent progress made of late in getting better prices for flour, while the millers are not urging transactions. On the contrary, they refuse to break prices, even on the slight declines in wheat that have occasionally taken place. They say that seldom have the farmers been holding wheat back for better prices than they are determining today. The situation is looked upon with a good deal of confidence by the producers of flour. They feel that they are sure of better prices later, as witness the greater strength, comparatively, in wheat for the more distant month. It is understood that speculators settled up on their May options, and immediately bought September, thereby putting that month and December at a premium over the nearer options. Mill shipment prices on spring wheat patents are firmer.

The cornmeal situation is firm, on the strength in corn. Oatmeal and the cereals are generally well sustained. Corn is firm. Oats are very well sustained, with the offerings here somewhat reduced. Still trade is rather quiet.

The hay situation is firm. Considerable alarm is felt concerning the coming hay crop, by reason of the dry weather, and farmers are holding old hay till the situation is better understood. Straw is also pretty firm, with the best rye straw held at high prices. Mill feed is fairly firm, on the wheat situation: Hay, \$10@13; fancy and jobbing lots, \$19@19.50; rye straw, \$10@12.

The pork situation is changed only on fresh ribs, which are ¼¢ lower, by reason of a surplus of home-made, as well as western, ribs at hand. Barrel pork and lard are not changed: Barrel pork, \$12@12.50; light backs, \$11; lean ends, \$14; fresh ribs, 7½¢; corned and fresh shoulders, 6¢; smoked shoulders, 6½¢; lard, 6¢; in pails, 6½¢@7½¢; hams, 9½¢@10½¢; skinned B hams, 10½¢; bacon, 8½¢@9¢; sausages, 7¢@8¢; Frankfurt sausages, 7½¢@8¢; pressed ham, 11¢; raw leaf lard, 7¢; pure leaf lard, 7¢; in pails, 7½¢@8¢; pork tongues, 8¢; loose salt pork, 6¢; briskets, 7¢; sausage meat, 7¢; bolognas, 7½¢; city dressed hogs, 6¢; country, 5¢.

Boston packers have made a heavy killing of hogs, the total for the week having been about 40,600; preceding week, 37,500; same week a year ago, 25,000 hogs. The demand for Boston packed provisions for export is good. The total value of such exports for the week was about \$195,000; preceding week, \$182,000; same week a year ago, \$115,000.

Potatoes are rather easy, with little change in prices. New southern cut but little figure, the arrivals being of small size and rather inferior. Houghton hebrons, 80¢; Green mountains, 85¢; northern and western, 65¢@70¢; Dakota red, 70¢; North Carolina sweets, \$1.25@2 per crt, and \$1.25 per bbl; per bu, \$2@2.50; new southern, fair to good, \$3@3.50; extra, \$3.75@4.

Onions are in full supply, with a rather easy market. Egyptians are quoted at \$2.25@2.50 per bag; Bermudas, \$1.25@1.35 per crt.

Lettuce is in fair supply, and sells by the dealers at 75¢ per bx. Radishes are quoted at 75¢ per doz bnchs, for round, and \$1.50 for long.

Squashes are in moderate call at about \$1.50 per bbl for old, with new summer at \$4@4.50 per bx.

Green peas are in short supply, and good lots sell at \$1.50@2 per bskt. String beans are pretty firm at \$2@2.50 per crt.

Beet greens are still on the market at 25¢ per bx. Dandelions are out of the market. New bunch beets are plenty and sell at 2¢@4¢, with fancy as high as 6¢.

Cucumbers are more plenty, and sell at \$3@4 per 100. Tomatoes from the south are quoted at \$3 per crt.

Tartraps are selling at \$1.25 per bbl

for yellow, and at 75¢@81 for Canada white. Beets are quoted at 40¢ per bu for old, with new at 65¢@81. Carrots are sold at \$1 a bu for old, with new bunch at 75¢.

Rhubarb is plenty and sells at \$1 per 100 lbs for good.

The supply of beef is said to be well in hand, though the receipts for the week were quite liberal, the total having been 150 cars for Boston and 105 cars for export, a total of 255 cars.

On beef, the quotations are fairly steady. Very choice steers, 8½¢; good steers, 8¼¢; light and cows, 7½¢@8¢; extra heavy hinds, 11¢; good hinds, 10½¢; light hinds, 9½¢@10¢; heavy fores, 6½¢; good, 6¢; light, 5½¢; backs, 7¢@8¢; rattles, 4½¢@4¾¢; chucks, 6¢@7¢; short ribs, 10¢@12¢; rounds, 8½¢@9¢; rumps, 11¢@13¢; rumps and loins, 11¢@14¢; loins, 11¢@16¢.

Muttons and lambs are lower than early in the week, owing to the hot weather and a somewhat liberal policy on the part of shippers. The market is quoted at: Spring lambs, \$3@6; fall lambs, 10¢@11¢; Brighton fancy, 11¢@12¢; muttons, 8¢@9¢; veals, 8¢@10¢; fancy Brightons, 10¢@11¢.

The supply of poultry is not very large, and the market is well sustained. Northern chickens, 13¢@20¢; fowls, 13¢@14¢; western iced, 11¢@12¢; live fowls, 11¢@12¢.

The mackerel situation continues to attract special attention. Although liberal quantities of fresh mackerel have been arriving from Halifax and Yarmouth, caught in traps and boats along the Nova Scotia shore, no large hauls are reported by the American fleet, nor have any new Cape Shore salt mackerel been landed.

There is very little change to note in the market for codfish. Receipts are more liberal and prices are easier, but quotations are about the same as last week. Dealers are still using up fair quantities for boneless, the orders for which being better than usual at this time of year, but there is no activity.

Dealers are all out of pickled herring and prices are nominal. The prospects for the summer catch are reported to be good, and new supplies will probably be along early in July.

Smoked herring are quiet, with no change in prices. Supplies ample. Sales at 9 to 10 cents per box for choice medium scaled, in cargo lots. Sales in a jobbing way at 12 to 15 cents per box.

Canned lobsters in light supply and firm at \$2.80@2.85 per dozen one-pound cans.

Sardines are quiet, and quarter-oils quoted at \$2.75 to \$2.80 per case, in round lots. Sales in a jobbing way at 3¢ per case. New sardines are beginning to arrive.

There has been a fair trade in fresh fish and prices have taken about the same course as last week. Opening rates for nearly all varieties were high and kept up till Wednesday, when, with increased receipts, prices declined. This was practically noticeable in steak cod, haddock, salmon and bluefish. Mackerel in good supply all the week.

The hot weather has stopped what little oyster trade there was and very little has been done the past week, except in barrel lots, which are sold in the shell. Clams have ruled quiet at \$3 per barrel and 50 cents per bushel. The clam trade will start up more lively just as soon as the beach houses are opened. Lobsters have been in light supply and firm at 12 cents for live and 14 cents per pound for boiled.

The receipts of fresh, mixed fish at Gloucester for the week were 860,000 pounds, as against 820,000 pounds landed at Boston. The receipts of all kinds of fish for the same period were 2,931,000, at this port.

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Perkins (factiously)—That is a picture of my wife's first husband. Smith Heavens! What a brainless looking ass! But I didn't know your wife was married before she met you. Perkins (dryly)—She wasn't. That's a picture of myself at the age of twenty.

A little boy went to church with his mother. The service was somewhat long and utterly incomprehensible to the child. Consequently he fidgeted. His mother reproved him several times. At last she leaned toward him. Bobby, she whispered, if you act badly I'll never bring you to church again. A gleam of hope dawned in Bobby's eyes. Mamma, he said eagerly, how bad will I have to be?

Winter visitor (in Florida)—I should love dearly to go sailing, but it looks very dangerous. Do not people often get drowned in this bay? Waterman—No, indeed, mum. The sharks never let any body drown.

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Aim high, cried the clerical visitor, as he endeavored to rouse the moral ambition of the bright faced Sunday-school lads and lasses before him. Aim high! Not much, interrupted a small boy on the front bench; that's what the Spaniards did, and see what happened to them!

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TO THE RESCUE.

Sisters let us up and doing
For the day is passing by,
Souls are rushing on to ruin,
To the rescue let us fly.

See! the child of sin and sorrow,
Alas, a heritage like his!
Is there for him no bright tomorrow,
No rescue from a life like this?

Go plant within the heart of parents
With prayer, the seeds of love;
Such planting has a warrant
From our great Advocate above.

Go to the life bloated with sin,
With all the Gospel armor on,
To the besotted, dark within,
With God the victory is won.

Where wrong and ignorance darkens,
Go, and dispel the gloom.
To the still, small voice, hearken,
'Twill guide us, precious boon!

Self distrustful, God reliant,
Go work where'er where'er we may,
Though powers of darkness are defiant,
God turns the darkness into day.

Let us then the goal pursuing,
In the dear Master's steps, go on,
Childhood and youth to virtue luring,
Work with a will, till life is done.

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THE LIQUOR PROBLEM.

The Committee of Fifty, which was constituted some years ago for the purpose of making a fuller investigation than has been before attempted of the liquor problem, published a report in 1897 relating to the problem in its "Legislative Aspects." This has now been followed by a volume on the "Economic Aspects of the Liquor Problem," published, like the former, by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. This is written by John Koren, and describes the result of an investigation made for the Committee of Fifty under the direction of Henry W. Farnam, who acted as Secretary of the sub-committee which took this branch of the subject for study.

The purpose of this investigation was simply the ascertaining and tabulation of facts. No preconceived theories of any kind furnished the stimulus. The sole end in view was to gather information from the widest authoritative sources as to the relation of the saloons, economically considered, to poverty, pauperism and crime. The committee was able to secure the co-operation of a large number of officials in charge of public institutions, and of the secretaries of charity organizations, the result being that, alike as to the number of cases tabulated and the area covered by the inquiry, the tabulations are more comprehensive than any before made. Three years have been occupied in the collection, sifting and tabulation of the material, and the fault of the investigation is a very valuable addition on the subject.

As was perhaps to be expected, the percentage of poverty, pauperism and crime directly attributable to intemperance, as disclosed by this report, are neither so large as they have usually been assumed to be by temperance reformers, nor so small as they have been represented by those who look at the question from the opposite point of view. As to poverty, for example, the inquiry relates to persons applying for relief, and of about 30,000 cases tabulated, it appears that in almost exactly one quarter of the of the cases the poverty was attributable to drink. Of about 8500 paupers in public institutions, 37 per cent. became paupers through intemperance. About 45 per cent of the cases of destitute children investigated was found to be due to the drunken habits of parents. As to crime, the inquiries covered the history of more than 13,000 adult convicts, and of these almost exactly one-half—to be exact, 49.95 per cent.—became criminals through the influence of drink.

These percentages are certainly not exaggerated, for of the other causes assigned, such as unfavorable environments and lack of industrial training, further investigation would show that, in a considerable number of instances, these were but secondary causes, and themselves the result of intemperance.

Space is wanting for a more detailed summary of the facts contained in this report, and the conclusions deduced from them. But the volume deserves careful study as a searching, impartial and dispassionate investigation of a most complex problem. This presentation of the drink habit in its economic aspects strongly reinforces the moral arguments for reform, by exhibiting intemperance as a great waste of material resources and a formidable obstacle to industrial achievement.—Boston Journal.

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OUR CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATES.

One of a mother's most difficult lessons is that she cannot keep her children under a glass case. Association with other children is inevitable; so are the good and evil thus learned.

It is hard for her when Willie's vocabulary is enlarged by bad words which must be patiently untaught him; when next to the youngest comes sobbing home because a playmate has insinuated that "mamma doesn't love him now; she has another baby;" when a struggle is foreshadowed by Nellie's giggling announcement that one of the neighbor's boys is her "young man;" when family law is defied because the neighbor's children do or do not have to do thus and so.

All this, and more, must be endured by the wise mother who realizes that her encompassing love can no more provide that they shall come out of daily contact with other children totally unharmed than that they shall pass through all life without scars on body, mind, or soul.

All she can do is to fortify them as best she can, and send them out into the world to take the risk of the possible ill for the sake of the indispensable benefit.

WHY DID YOU WHIP ME?

The venerable R. L. Dabney, D. D., is well known in this country and abroad. Upward of twenty years ago, his youngest son Lewis, was a sharp-witted lad who promised to become a respected "chip of the old block."

The lad was whipped one day for an act of disobedience, and then had to undergo the more trying ordeal of sitting quietly on the sofa. He became deeply absorbed in thought and presently asked:

"Ma, why did you whip me?"

"So as to make you a better boy," was the response.

Lewis became again lost in thoughtful reflection. Presently he blurted out:

"Ma, do you believe in prayer?"

"Yes, my son."

"If you were to ask God to make me a better boy, do you think he would grant your prayer?"

"I think he would, son."

"Well, then, ma, I wish you would pray a little more and whip a little less."

HER EVENING GOWN.

It is undeniable that foreign diplomats in Washington frequently find themselves at a loss owing to the novelties presented to them by American customs. Even the language offers difficulties.

On the other hand the Guatemalan minister was speaking to some Washington ladies of what he regarded as a remarkable social experience met with here at the capital. He had been invited to an afternoon reception.

And do you know, he said, the hostess received the guests in a night-gown!

Good heavens! replied the ladies to whom this information was addressed. Surely you must be joking, Mr. Minister!

Not at all. I assure you, reiterated the diplomat. It was in her nightdress that we were received—low neck and bare arms.

Oh, you mean evening dress do you not, Mr. Minister? suggested one of the ladies.

Yes, that is what I mean, admitted Senor Arriaga; low neck and bare arms, just like the costumes for the ball.

As may be imagined, the laugh was at the minister's expense. In Washington ladies quite commonly wear evening dress when giving afternoon receptions.

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